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## INHERITANCE OF LEFT HANDEDNESS

Jordan (Am. Breeders' Mag. 1911) reports studies of left-handedness of nearly 3000 individuals belonging to 78 lines of descent. The evidences are that left-handedness is inherited, but apparently not in accordance with the Mendelian principles. He believes that left-handedness is correlated with greater size and weight of the right hemisphere of the brain.

## EFFECTS OF DARKNESS ON GOLDFISH

Ogneff (Anat. Anzeig., 1911) describes changes in gold fish which have been kept three years or more in darkness. The principle points noted are:

1. The golden appearance gives place to darker color, due histologically to the development and spreading of black chromatophores which cover the crystals that give the normal shimmer.
2. The ovaries become more compact and degenerative changes set in.
3. The eye undergoes a distinct series of degenerative changes. All the cells become smaller; the layer of rods and cones disappears altogether; the pigment processes that normally penetrate between the rods and cones fail. Functionally, these changes result in blindness,—all within the life of the single individual.

## A NEW ULTRA CONDENSER FOR VIEWING ULTRA-MICROSCOPIC PARTICLES

The Ultra Condenser has been devised by Dr. Felix Jentzsch\*, of the scientific department of E. Leitz, Wetzlar and serves for ultra-microscopic observations, especially for the examination of gases and fluids. It is not available for the examination of solids.

The designation *Ultra Condenser* signifies that the apparatus is an appendage which renders an ordinary microscope available for ultra-microscopic observations.

\*Physikalische Zeitschrift, Vol. 11, pp. 1000-1001 Verhandlungen der deutschen Physikalischen Gesellschaft, Vol. 12, pp. 991-993, 1910. Paper read on the 22nd Sept., 1910, before the German Congress of Science and Medicine at Koenigsberg.